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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has banned corporal punishment in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints about the torturing of students;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the State Governments have banned the torturing and coporal punishment of the students by action on such incidents; and
(l) if so, the names of the States where corporal punishment of the students has been banned in schools?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMK)

(a) to (f): National Policy of Education, 1986 as modified in 1992, inter alia, provides that `corporal punishment will be firmly excluded from the educational system`. Corporal punishment is strictly prohibited in schools mn by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti and Central Tibetan School Administration, which are under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. Whenever any case of corporal punishment is brought to the notice of autonomous organisation in charge of the schools, action is initiated against the persons responsible. In case of schools under the purview of the State Governments, information on corporal punishment is not centrally maintained.